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GRANVILLE COUNTY COUPLE WINS \$411,988 ON “CAROLINA CASH 5”

**-“Carolina Cash 5” Ticket Worth \$411,988 Sold in Wake County-
-Durham Retailer Sells Winning \$200,000 Powerball Ticket-
-Rockingham County Man Wins \$100,000 on “Deal or No Deal” Ticket-**

RALEIGH-Two tickets for the Oct. 11 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing matched all five white balls drawn to split the \$823,976 top prize. This morning, the first ticket was claimed by Dennis and Kimberly Bowen of **Creedmoor**.

Dennis Bowen says he “nearly passed out” when he realized that his ticket was one of the winners, but he knows exactly how he’ll spend the winnings. He and his wife recently purchased land, and they plan to use the \$411,988 prize to build a house.

Bowen purchased the winning ticket at Smart Stop Mini Mart on Central Avenue in **Butner**. The other winning ticket that matched all five white balls in the Oct. 11 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing was sold at Circle K #6139 on Walnut Street in **Cary**. That ticket has yet to be claimed.

Roberta Pittman of **Poughkeepsie, New York**, plans to help family members and take a vacation with her recent Powerball winnings. She purchased a ticket for the Sept. 24 Powerball drawing and it matched all five white balls to win \$200,000.

Pittman says her adult daughter learned that her mother had won the top non-jackpot prize by checking the numbers on the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) Web site. She had purchased her winning ticket at Cruizers on Roxboro Road in **Durham**.

Jeremiah Martinez of **Eden** was at home when he scratched off the “Deal or No Deal” instant ticket he’d purchased. He says he didn’t believe it when he saw that it revealed the top \$100,000 prize.

Martinez called his mother to tell her he’d won. He plans to use his winnings to supplement his income. Martinez purchased his winning ticket at J-Mart of Eden, Inc. #1 on East Stadium Drive in Eden.

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In Saturday night's Powerball drawing, three tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball. The normal payout for this combination is \$10,000; however one ticket was Power Played. Since the Power Play number for the drawing was four, this ticket is worth \$40,000. It was sold at Blue Ridge Tobacco on Cloverdale Avenue in **Winston-Salem**.

The other two tickets were not Power Played and are worth \$10,000 each. They were sold at Sambobs on South Main Street in **Waynesville** and Wake Forest BP on North White Street in **Wake Forest**.

A total of 40,741 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Saturday, Oct. 11, Powerball drawing, ranging from \$40,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$451,406. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball to win the jackpot, so the jackpot for the Wednesday, Oct. 15, Powerball drawing is an estimated \$25 million.

The NCEL has paid out more than \$3.7 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Oct. 9. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$1.1 million and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won nearly \$685,000 in prizes.

Winners in the Oct. 11 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Dennis & Kimberly Bowen	Creedmoor	\$411,988	Smart Stop Mini Mart 201 Central Ave., Butner
Unknown		\$411,988	Circle K #6139 1101 Walnut St., Cary

Winners in the Oct. 11 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Thomas Nicholson	Winston-Salem	\$40,000	Blue Ridge Tobacco 2299 Cloverdale Ave., Winston-Salem
Unknown		\$10,000	Sambobs 1737 S. Main St., Waynesville
Unknown		\$10,000	Wake Forest BP 103 N. White St., Wake Forest

Winner in the Sept. 24 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Roberta Pittman	Poughkeepsie, NY	\$200,000	Cruizers 4401 N. Roxboro Rd., Durham

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Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Jeremiah Martinez	Eden	\$100,000	"Deal or No Deal"
Doris Stackston	Gastonia	\$70,000	"Totally Topaz 7's"
Melvin Owens	Morehead City	\$50,000	"Jr. Big Ol' Bucks"
Tonyeka Williams	Raeford	\$30,000	"Red Hot Bingo"
Ashley Watford	Thomasville	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Herman Davis	High Point	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Anita Lanier	Greensboro	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Alvis Hendren	Old Fort	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Erica Keller	Valdese	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
John McNamara Jr.	Gastonia	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	152

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	125
\$100,000 - \$10,000	700

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.